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Peace Corps visits LSUS



Photo by Rita Uotila
Paul Gagnon, Peace Corps representative
Melanie Humphrey
Almagest

The Peace Corps of America visited our campus Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Peace Corps is an international development agency sponsored by the U.S. government that sends United States citizens to foreign countries for all expense paid volunteer service. Paul Gagnon, representative from the Southwest Region Recruitment Office in Dallas, Texas, explained that "It (service) doesn't cost the graduate any money but it is not a salaried job."

According to Peace Corps Today, Peace Corps provides a cost-of-living allowance as well as a \$5,400 readjustment allowance for volunteers when they return to the U.S. Volunteers spend about 3 months in language and culture

training before they travel to an assigned country for two years of service. "What your skill is and what countries are asking for those skills will determine your assignment," Gagnon said. "The more flexible you can be in regards to the country you're willing to be assigned to, the better chance you have at qualifying for service." Because of the extensive evaluation process, prospective volunteers must submit an application 9 months prior to anticipated service.

Peace Corps programs include positions such as educators, agriculturalists, nurses, engineers, business people and many others. The requirement for most positions is a bachelor's degree in a specific field or extensive related experience.

Gagnon held a bachelor's degree in business but had worked with his grandfather who is a "fish tank biologist." Gagnon qualified for the "Fisheries-Marine Community" program based in Togo, West Africa. "During my tour in 1991, I basically just rode around on my bicycle and taught people how to dig fish ponds."

Gagnon was so impressed by the Peace Corps' organization that he completed his tour in 1993 and is now serving as a full-time recruiter.

Peace Corps may offer a solution to students who are "stuck" as to what they want to do with their education after graduation. As one student who attended the film show presented at 2 p.m. Nov. 8 mentioned, Peace Corps could help someone get out of the "rut" of Shreveport.

For more information about Peace Corps, students may drop by the Career Center in ADM 230 and view the video, or call Peace Corps toll free at 1-800-424-8480.

Bleachers, goals sidelined

Shelly Cole
Almagest

The installation date for the new bleachers and basketball goals for the LSUS gymnasium has been pushed back again.

They were originally scheduled to be installed by Oct. 6, according to Larry Rambin, LSUS Athletic Director. The plan was to have them completed before this year's basketball season began.

The season begins this weekend, and the gym remains bleacherless. This weekend's games are away, but several scrimmages have been played on the home court with Pilots' fans sitting on roll-away, temporary bleachers.

In a letter to LSUS, Interstate Companies of Louisiana, the company contracted to install the goals and bleachers, said they "will begin installing the new goals on Nov. 17," and "it should take five to seven days to [complete]."

Interstate also said they plan to ship the bleachers on Nov. 30 and should complete installation by Dec. 15, two

months after originally planned.

Interstate pays \$100 to the state every day after the originally contracted installation date until they have completed the job. They probably "built the \$100 into the cost factor, knowing all along they couldn't do it [by Oct. 6]," said Rambin.

Interstate President, John Pace, said the date LSUS expected to have the installation completed was unreasonable. "I don't think anyone could have met that deadline," said Pace.

Pace did acknowledge that Interstate made the bid knowing they couldn't complete the job by the expected date.

"We built into the cost the penalties," said Pace.

Pace declined further comment saying he would rather not discuss the topic until he talked to the customer [LSUS purchasing].

Interstate Co. sticks to the new agreement, the bleachers will be completed in time for a home game on Dec. 16, but Pilots' fans will have to settle for the temporary bleachers for the three prior games.

SGA reviews exam, library

David Raiford
Almagest

With the highest attendance this year, the SGA discussed current hot topics such as the library and the proficiency exam at their meeting of Tuesday Nov. 14.

In attendance was Sherry Forzley, one of the students who started the library petition that was eventually signed by about 1,500 LSUS students. Forzley advised the senate that Dr. Vince Marsala, interim-chancellor, plans to change the hours of the Noel Memorial Library.

According to Forzley, Marsala proposal includes changing the library's hours to be open on Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. until midnight, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and closed on Saturday and Sunday; or open some-time on both Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 on

Friday.

Forzley said those hours aren't what the petition stipulated and that she and other students would stage a sit-in 8:00 p.m. midnight today and noon Friday until 6:00 a.m. on Saturday. The sit-in, according to Forzley, is intended to show officials that students are "not fooling around."

In an interview Tuesday, Marsala said Forzley was confused about the library hours he has proposed. Marsala said he would like to open the library 9:00 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday and keep the library open on Sunday. "I'm also requesting a plan for the library to be open on Saturday's in the Spring," said Marsala. He added that he believed the idea of a sit-in has been "pushed by some faculty members."

"It's perfectly alright if students want to have a sit-in," said Marsala. He added that if the sit-in occurs authorities would not be called to remove the stu-

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Physical Plant storage buildings block parking

Byron Reeves

Anyone trying to park in the south parking lot for the Science Lecture Auditorium may have noticed some problems. Physical Plant storage buildings are taking up most of the spaces in this lot. The Physical Plant has a reason for taking up these spaces.

A new concrete parking lot is being constructed within the confines of the Physical Plant's grounds. The buildings had to be moved outside the grounds to allow the workers room to pour the concrete.

After completion, the Physical Plant will have a more durable and smoother area for making repairs to its equipment. Maintenance supervisor, Al Reger, said that the previous parking lot was asphalt and was plagued with erosion problems. It was also not able to support the weight of their heavy equipment.

"The new concrete surface is

smoother and will let our mechanics roll under equipment with their creeper-crawlers (mechanics' floor dolly)," Reger said.

The previous asphalt surface would develop potholes, just like many streets in Shreveport, and would make it difficult for mechanics to maneuver under the equipment.

In addition, this lot will provide more storage for the Physical Plant. Equipment theft has been a problem with keeping equipment in the temporary fenced-in holding area and the revamped inside area will be more secure.

Funds for the work are being provided by a state fund for improvements, not from the LSUS treasury.

Reger said that regular parking arrangements should resume in about a week. He hopes no one is overly inconvenienced by the spaces taken by the storage buildings.

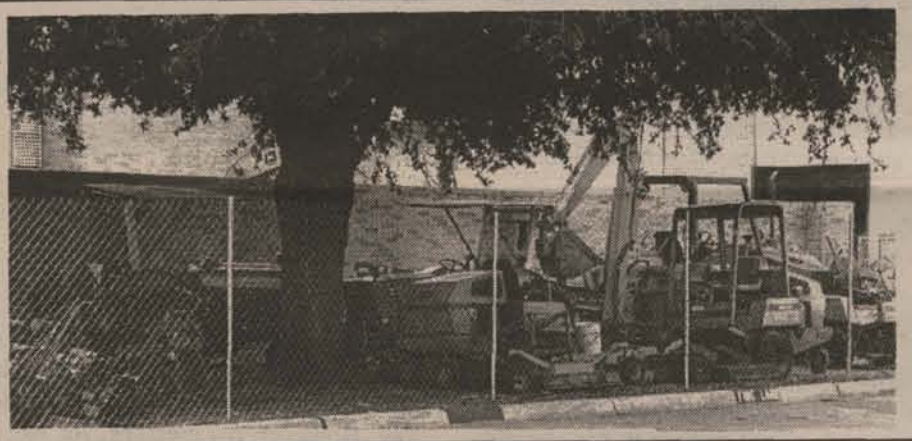


Photo by Rita Uotila

Physical Plant equipment stored temporarily behind Physical Plant building.

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dents.

The proficiency exam was also discussed by the senate. Kevin Harbin, vice-president pro-tempore, reported that the faculty Admissions and Academic Standards Committee voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate that current testing procedure be kept as it is. "The \$15,00 fee isn't going to change," said Harbin. "They (Admissions and Standards) discussed 'hiding' the fee in the tuition by charging a \$3.00 fee per semester," Harbin said.

Harbin added that some of the committee members justified the proficiency exam as a benefit to the students who take it because it added to the prestige of LSUS. That assertion was met with scorn by several of the senators.

John Braud, SGA president, said he had spoken with Mike Williams, faculty senate president, about the proficiency exam and that Williams was "strongly" in favor of the test. Braud said Williams was concerned about transfer students

and their ability to meet LSUS standards. Some senators offered possible solutions. "Why not let transfer students take the test (instead of all students)," said Murray Salinas, SGA senator. This was agreed upon by several senators.

Karen Mischlich, director of Student Activities, informed the senate that Canteen's contract was about to expire. Canteen is the contractor that provides cafeteria service to LSUS. Mischlich said she was looking forward to some input from the SGA on what type of services they would like to see offered by the cafeteria. "We've (LSUS) have been approached by a couple of fast-food vendors about supplying cafeteria services," said Mischlich. She added that the school needed to "know what the students want."

"Anything would be better," said Dana Foster, SGA senator concerning the current cafeteria set-up. "I like the food, but I don't like them (Canteen staff). The service is terrible," said

Israel loses "soldier of peace"

Emilie Rachal

People across the world eagerly watched as Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat took great strides toward peace in the Middle East. As the two shook hands on the White House lawn, people everywhere felt more optimism about the Israeli-Palestinian clash than ever before. Change was eminent — finally, positive change.

In what seemed the blink of an eye, the man some are calling "a soldier of peace" was gunned down after begging a crowd in Tel Aviv to "embrace peace." To make matters worse, he was killed by a fellow Jew. Twenty-five-year-old Yigal Amir filled Rabin's back with hollow-point bullets.

In the wake of Rabin's death, Shimon Peres, the man most likely to take the reigns of Israeli government, vowed that the quest for peace with Palestine will not be abandoned. He promised to keep the ball rolling.

Perhaps the peace effort will not suffer too much once Peres is situated and Israelis adjust to the change. Still, the process undertaken by Rabin will be slowed to say the least.

Perhaps equally as frightening as continued dissension in the Middle East is the religious dissension there. Prime Minister Rabin was killed by one of his own. This marks the first time such an assassination has happened in Israel. Some in America are comparing the assassination to that of JFK — a man full of promise taken away in his prime. Others reflect on a more recent horror, the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma — a tragedy born and bred in the hearts and minds of fellow countrymen.

If the Oklahoma City bombing was

about government, Rabin's killing was about religion.

Rabin's killer proudly took credit for snuffing out Rabin's life because he was divinely inspired — God told him to do it. This notion of religious warfare is not new to any part of the world. Countries have fought and separated over such issues since long before Christ. Hence, it is clear that the mixture of religion and politics yields a lethal solution.

To be a Jew is to be a Jew totally. The religious beliefs of Jews in the Middle East are their government. Does this mean that one party must change its view in order to reach an accord?

Religious issues are most often heart-felt and not easily compromised. Amir was so much against the peace process that he took it upon himself to permanently remove Rabin. He believed that violence was an acceptable means to an end. Extremists like Amir are reluctant to settle the fight over the land they believe to be theirs. Who says it belongs only to them? God.

The reality that Rabin's death reveals to the Israeli people is a sad one. Obviously, some take their "moral responsibility" very seriously; enough so to disregard the lives of fellow Jews — even their leader.

How many more Yigal Amirs are there? What will his violent act mean to the peace effort? So he worked alone. If the peace process persists, will more religious zealots emerge to fight for their homeland? How can one be sure that they know limits?

Israelis feel vulnerable, and right they should. Their country is shaken by turmoil brought by one, but perhaps for many, all in the name of God.

Quote for the Week:

"When in danger,
when in doubt,
run in circles,
scream and shout."

-R.A. Henlein

Kevin Harbin, SGA vice-president pro-tempore. The length of time it takes to receive an order and the lack of menu variety were cited by several senators as problems with the Canteen.

In her report to the senate, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Gloria Raines reported that the executive session for the impeachment proceeding of President Braud was improper. "I've been receiving the (SGA) constitution, and I can't find anything that says the SGA has the authority to 'close' their meetings," said Raines.

The October 31 SGA meeting which was begun as an open meeting was abruptly changed to a closed meeting when vice-president Scott Wolf asked all persons who were not SGA senators to leave the room. No reasons for the closed meeting were given at the time of the meeting. Raines said she is still researching the issue of closed meetings.

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Animal lovers in for a rough holiday season

We are fast approaching the holiday season, my favorite time of year. Among other things, Thanksgiving is a celebration of our ability to overcome hardships. The earliest settlers faced many challenges in this new land, and the occasional wild animal certainly counted as a challenge. That is why it is a time honored tradition to celebrate our mastery of our surroundings by killing lots of animals and eating them.

Not everyone sees Thanksgiving as a good thing.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) sees Thanksgiving as a type of black mass. In a nation founded on killing animals for sport, profit and survival, PETA is out of step. This group gets weepy over fur coats, leather shoes and bug zappers.

PETA has recently distributed "surveys" to fishermen. These surveys are not designed to uncover information, they are designed to convince fishermen that fishing is immoral. These unsuspecting sportsmen are subjected to "questions" designed to reveal that fish are people too. This tactic bears a striking similarity to many Democratic National Committee "surveys."

Imagine, if you will, your standard-issue fisherman. Around here, this man has sunk a large percentage of his disposable income into gear designed to slay fish. Now imagine a skinny, ghost-pale vegetarian approaching him with a broadside designed to turn him away from the sport he loves. It is to laugh. Luckily, fishermen are a generally courteous crowd, and unlikely to react to silliness with violence. One must wonder why deer hunters are not greeted deep in the woods with a similar questionnaire.

This must be an especially difficult time of year for PETA. There is the required, poor attempt at an all-vegetable Thanksgiving. A faux turkey is difficult to prepare, and an all-vegetable gravy is nearly impossible. On top of all this, constant crying jags over the plight of our poor feathered brothers make concentration arduous. And what exactly do PETA members have to celebrate on Thanksgiving anyway? Zillions of turkeys and hens, our equals, are massacred, and pigskins are tossed about on television with abandon.

PETA needs to see things as they really are. The birds raised specifically for table use are famous for their stupidity. It is estimated to take up to three weeks for a farm-raised turkey to realize that it has been killed. All of these birds owe humanity anyway. Their care and feeding was on more of a lease-type plan. Men fed them for their entire lives, now they need to return the payment. I don't think this is too much to ask.

If approached by a PETA survey, be kind, this is not their time of year.

Drew White
Editor

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Charming! by Flynn Dulle



Rush Limbaugh for president

Since American voters are so obviously disappointed that Colin Powell, America's savior, exited the race for the White House, I want to ease your pain and nominate an over-weight, slightly-bald, middle-aged, white guy to occupy the Oval Office.

Rush Limbaugh for president in '96!!!!

Why not? He obviously has a big enough ego — and rhetoric — to fill the entire White House. By all accounts, his bank account probably matches his ego.

Over the years, I've heard several of his "dittoheads" beg him insistently to run for president. Considering his audience consists of millions of Americans from all walks of life, Rush should be able to win the White House with "half his brain tied behind his back."

If that isn't enough to win, he also claims to have "talent on loan from God."

I wonder what kind of interest God charges him?

I'll be the first eager beaver in line to cast my vote for Limbaugh if he decides to make a run — sorry, I didn't mean run, I meant wobble — for the White House. If he can secure my support, a self-proclaimed liberal, he ought to easily prevail because the majority of American voters seem to be very moderate.

The point is, Rush wields an enormous amount of power in Washington and he hasn't truly changed anything. I think he's not willing to toss his hat in the political arena because he can't stand up to the scrutiny and criticism by the media.

Right now, Limbaugh is in the position to attack all of his critics and defend his statements in the comfort of his cozy office in New York. Getting involved in the political fray would change the rules for him. And changing the rules while you're ahead, even to help your country, is not on his agenda.

Rush has created a powerful role for

himself in the political game and he won't give it up. Why should he? He makes plenty of money and he has all the inside connections. He's already part of the Republican in crowd. Why run for political office when you already receive all the benefits? He seems to have a conflict oriented personality.

During a Bill Moyer's special on Public Television, I had the opportunity to view another side of Rush. He looked like a very troubled person. When he wasn't in front of the microphone, he was restless and uncomfortable. He appeared very disagreeable and preoccupied.

He does, however, have several valid arguments. He knows what he stands for and he isn't afraid to say it. Most of the time I like what he has to say. However, his message, for me, is losing its punch as time passes. His once refreshing perspective is beginning to ripen.

Yes, he still has a huge following, but his message is getting lost in his persistent whining. After years of tenacious criticism and attacking, it's time for him to show us how it should be done. I, as a listener, want him to remove his large body from behind the microphone and fly to Washington and personally show us — the American people — how to lead this country.

Is there anything worse than an arm chair quarterback? There comes a point in one's life to stop talking about it and just get out and do it. After listening to him tell me for five years what's wrong with the leadership in this country, I want him to show our current leaders exactly how to do it right.

If he can find the time, between puffs on his Cuban cigars, and bites of lobster, I want him to quit hiding behind the microphone and lay it all on the line just like the rest of Washington does.

Enough rhetoric Rush. We know you hate liberals, show us how to do it better.

Marxist advice for Gandhi, Farrakhan

Kurt Pickett

"The more capitalistic we become, the more selfish we become," said Arun Ghandi speaking to a group of LSUS students in Dr. Dori LaRue's freshman English class the day after he spoke to the University. And while this alone does not prove that the grandson of the Mahatma Ghandi is anti-capitalistic, his following statement, "There is an inverse relationship between morality and materialism," reveals that Arun Ghandi, at least to some degree, recognizes the inherent problems of capitalism. I say "to some degree" because, being a subjectivist, I find nothing particularly moral or amoral about capitalism or materialism; I find them to be unnecessary and inhuman (in *inhuman* I reference civilization's resistance to humanity's natural "pack-like" interconnectedness and instincts of collective preservation—if there is even a quasi-transcendent morality, it is only in nature that any such construct can be found). Regardless of the semantics and for whatever potentially inconsistent reasons, Mr. Ghandi clearly believes that capitalism is wrong, that it results not in progress but in division, and that capitalism's perpetuation of this division is the origin of modern bigotry.

Throughout his comments, both to the University and to Dr. LaRue's class, Mr. Ghandi repeatedly associated racism, apartheid, and cast systems to faulty economy, or capitalism. His comments to LSUS come at a historical moment in the American race dialogue as just last month some 400,000 (give or

take 1,600,000) black men converged on Washington D.C. in a display of solidarity and a cry of disgust at the clearly racist (but more importantly, classist) American government. Having been greatly influenced by Malcom X at a very early age, and owing many of my current political philosophies regarding the liberation of the gay and lesbian community to that influence, I asked Mr. Ghandi what he felt of the Nation of Islam or the philosophy of separatism. Mr. Ghandi abruptly explained that separatism has no place in a political (or economic) debate and that the only viable hope for peace is "assimilation" (presumably of the minority class). This was not surprising to me since Mr. Ghandi constantly speaks of Dr. Martin Luther King and the virtues of integration. Mr. Ghandi, assimilation can *never* succeed!

Let me be clear when I say that I am not anti-integration—ultimately, it is inevitable and (as I have already stated) the very distinction between races is largely construction. However, on the road to *integration* (which is the cooperative combination of two, distinct cultures, resulting in a new, third, superior culture—not *assimilation* which is competitive and results in the decimation of one of the vying cultures), there is a need for temporary nationalism within the oppressed classes. Malcom X, unlike the power-hungry Louis Farrakhan, knew that nationalism (at least economic nationalism) is a means needed to achieve a classless society, not an end within itself. All of Malcom X's speeches after he broke from the Nation of Islam clearly reflect his shift in

thought—he stopped seeing the world's people as two races and started seeing them as two *classes*. Unfortunately for the Nation of Islam (and the nation of the United States), his leap in genius left his previous followers far behind, ultimately resulting in his assassination and the rise to power of Minister Farrakhan. Farrakhan, not having the revolutionary character of Malcom X, sees separation as an end—a ridiculous and short-sighted belief that denies the inevitability of internationalism.

What Minister Farrakhan is unable to see, and what Mr. Ghandi misses, is that in nationalism, like capitalism itself, are sewn the seeds of a society without distinction. As Marx stated, "If the proletariat during its contest with the bourgeoisie is compelled, by the force of circumstances, to organize itself as a class, if, by means of a revolution, it makes itself the ruling class, and, as such, sweeps away by force the old conditions of production, then it will, along

with these conditions, have swept away the conditions for the existence of class antagonism, and of classes generally, and will thereby have abolished its own supremacy as a class."

Clearly, "The more capitalistic we become, the more selfish we become." Just as clearly, cooperation is the inverse of competition; but those competing to keep what they have "won" will never freely give back what they have taken. I applaud the efforts of Mr. Ghandi and Minister Farrakhan. I hope that some day Mr. Ghandi will see that in order for there to be a truly colorless society, a truly classless society, and a true "Trusteeism," the oppressed classes must first organize and confront their oppressor with their united power. I hope that Minister Farrakhan sees that the organization of that power is merely a tool, that after having been used becomes useless.

Letters to the Editor:

I note with some regret that Ms. Myrtle West has chosen to criticize the campus crew unjustly for the premature death of some flowers she planted near the HPE building. I am confident that her accusations are not justified.

Ms. West made this accusation to me, and I went over and looked at the dead plants. Upon seeing them, I was immediately convinced that they had been killed by the extended drought and prolonged periods of heat we've experienced.

We are very much appreciative of Ms. West's efforts and those of many others who have assisted in trying to beautify our campus. We are also most appreciative of our campus crew which is laboring with limited resources as is every other division within the University in these tight budget times. The campus crew has consistently assisted us in our efforts, and one can already see that in the not too distant future we will have a much more shady and beautiful campus.

The campus community should be informed that at the invitation of the Campus Beautification Committee, the President of the Northwest Louisiana

Nurserymen Association came out and gave a thorough demonstration of the proper use of *Roundup* which the crew sprays around the live oak trees and the crepe myrtles to prevent the unsightly growth of weeds around the trees. Prior to that time, we had lost 64 of our young live oak trees to injury from the weed eater or other mechanical damage. *Roundup* is an extremely safe product, and the crew would have no possible reason to spray anywhere except around trees or large shrubs. Since the crew began using the *Roundup*, we have lost no trees except for a few run over by careless or drunken drivers.

Continuing interest in campus beautification can be shown by faculty, staff, administration and students at our annual "Pruning Party" planned for Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. All interested persons are encouraged to come with saws and pruning shears in hand.

George A. Kemp, Chairman
Campus Beautification
Professor of Psychology

LSUS needs troublemakers

Tricia Webb

At the risk of beating a dead horse, I would like to take the time to congratulate the 1,100 LSUS students who took time out to sign a petition to make some changes at our campus library. I would especially like to congratulate, and thank, the students who started the petition.

Call me a lover of trouble, but I must admit that when I first heard of the petition, I was very excited. I thought, "Finally, someone is doing something. Wonderful!"

I recently had the privilege of interviewing nationally renowned political analyst Charles Cook. He said something about Louisianians that I completely agree with. We have a kind of "sit-back-watch-gripe-and-do-nothing" attitude. That's why our elected officials in Baton Rouge get away with so much! We care, but not enough to get up off our rears and say something. Maybe it has something to do with our Southern Heritage. "Just don't rock the boat." Maybe it's because we're all just so busy. "I know it's not right, but I don't have time to worry about it." Or, how about the old "it just won't do any good." You don't know how many times I have actually heard people say these things. We all sit around like dead-beats, complaining about the plight of the common man and not doing a damn thing about it. And, it's not just our elected officials. Misquoted or not, when a dean of a state-run

school library can sit on her throne and tell the students they shouldn't worry because "they're students," and she's "the administrator," something is wrong. We must remember that these people are working for us, or they should be. It is not improper or uncouth for us to say something.

If you think I'm exaggerating, take a stroll around campus. Ask a handful of students who's the SGA President? Who is the dean of the library? Five dollars says the Idunno's will have the majority. Or, better yet, ask a group of your friends who's in the runoff for lieutenant governor of Louisiana!

Come on, people. How long can a state, or a school, operate when the people don't care enough to go out and vote, or pick up a newspaper and read what's happening. I know that few students will actually read what I'm writing today. I have at least one student a week ask, "Do we have a campus newspaper?" It always seems to make me wonder about the future of our country.

Even if nothing at all comes of this library issue, even if not one thing changes, at least someone can say they tried. That's more than most of us can say. There should have been a lot more than 1,100 signatures. While it's true that no one person can change the world, if nobody ever makes a ripple, there'll never be a wave.

Once again, I salute all of you... "troublemakers"!

This is in response to "Internet gets mixed reviews," Nov 9, 1995.

Last week, I wanted to browse the WWW to obtain some information about LSU-BR science programs. Right away, I noticed that all three computers were occupied. Then, one computer screen caught my eye. A male, occupying one computer, was viewing a picture of a nude young woman. Being male myself, I instantly noticed that this was no 19th-century nude painting of a woman drinking tea in a field of lilies. This was definitely a Playboy-type pictorial. After my initial five-second stare, I became peeved. Here I was trying to find legit information and this guy is looking at nude females at the "library!"

It gets even better folks. Just as my

peeved emotions were running through my veins, a female occupying another computer started having some kind of trouble. A librarian (not a student worker) walked right past the guy with the nude female on the screen and helped the young lady next to this guy. Did the fella try to click away from the nude picture to avoid the embarrassment of the librarian telling him to? NO! He just kept staring at the screen! The librarian said nothing to him.

At that point, I left the library with zero information and feeling very disgusted.

Scott Fontenot
Senior, College of Sciences

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SPORTS

Innaugural Pilot Perspective questions Cook

Brian Allen
Almagest

This week, we debut a new feature on the Almagest Sports Page. Pilot perspectives looks at the events that affect our athletic program through the eyes of its premiere newsmakers. For our first perspective, men's head basketball coach Louis Cook. After a 9-21 record, the team's third consecutive playoff appearance, and its third consecutive early exit, Cook looks back at last season's troubles and ahead to its future:

Q: Would you say that the team has developed a personality? Is it strong offensively, defensively, well-balanced?

A: I think we've gotten a little more size, a little more quickness, and our defense has gotten a little better, but it had to get better.

Q: Were things that bad defensively?

A: It wasn't that the defense was bad, we just lacked size.

Q: Is the schedule a little kinder than last year's?

A: Well, we open with a team that was ranked #22 in the nation last year (NAIA). We could be going to face another Oklahoma City and we just don't know it yet. (Cook is referring to Oklahoma City University, an NAIA

power that thrashed LSUS 110-46 in last year's season opener.)

Q: Are we still under the Dunkel rating system?

A: No, we have a new rating system called the Krause Count. It's hard to tell how it'll work. They're only counting NAIA teams that use the Krause system. We play a lot of good Christian colleges that won't count in the rankings, so in that sense it hurts us.

Q: Besides opening with Embry-Riddle, what other teams should we look out for?

A: Any of the teams in the Embry-Riddle tournament are good, and Milsaps College is ranked #6 in NCAA Division III. Louisiana College, East Texas Baptist University, and Hendrix College are all NAIA Division I, full-scholarship programs.

Q: Center Adrian Vogeltanz is leaving the team. How big an impact will that make?

A: He would not have figured in the top eight positions, but I felt he had a lot of potential. By the time he matured and was a junior or senior, I expected good things from him.

Q: What are your reflections from your first year as head coach?

A: I thought we accomplished a lot of

things. Our record might not have shown that, but we ended the season with kids that wanted to play and we've got some of them back.

Q: With all that said, is there any final points you'd like to make?

A: We've got a lot of young kids and high expectations.

The Pilots open their home season Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. against Hendrix College. Admission is free to students with a valid ID.

Lady Pilot basketball preview

Shelly Cole
Almagest

The Lady Pilots begin their season this weekend at the Hardin-Simmons Classics in Abilene, Texas. They are scheduled to play Sul Ross College on Friday and Hardin-Simmons College on Saturday.

"The girls are doing really well defensively," said Lady Pilot's coach, Autum Scott. Scott said the team also poses a serious offensive threat.

The Lady Pilots head into this season with a primarily freshman team. Stacy Mosley, sophomore guard, is the only returning player.

Coach Autum Scott recruited heavily last spring to pull in talented players. The new team has four former All-District players: LaTonya Stone of Parkway, Angie Simon of Abbeville High, Tondra Walker of Alfred-Bonnabel High, and Bertha Ashworth of Rosepine.

The team also holds the District 4-A

Most Valuable Player, Erin Digilormo. Averaging 18 ppg., Digilormo led Northwood High to the 1995 District Championship. Digilormo also received an All-State Honorable Mention.

The Lady Pilots looked good in their scrimmages against Panola College and Barksdale. Digilormo's shooting will be a big threat to competitors.

Digilormo "is comfortable taking the shot when she has it," said Scott.

Blocking shots and grabbing rebounds, Lisa Bosby, the ladies' 6'0 center, has proven herself to be essential to the team's defense.

Scott said Tondra Walker and Stacy Mosley will also do well taking and making shots when they are open.

"I think all the girls are doing well, offensively and defensively," said Scott. "We need to work on our running game," but it's the beginning of the season; we'll get better.

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Activities: Volunteer services for Volunteers of America, parties

Meets: Tues 10:30 a.m.

Contact Skip Noble, Jim Hicks, 797-5102

GOLDEN Z CLUB

Activities: Projects focusing on illiteracy, the environment, scholarships avail.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. each month.

Contact: Anita Harkness, 797-1946

MAINSTREAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meets: Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m.

Activities: Outdoor concerts, weekend fellowships and trips, volunteer work.

Contact: Lori Bennet, 797-1946

LAMDA SIGMA EPSILON, BIOLOGY/HEALTH SCIENCE CLUB

Meets: Tues. or Thurs. Common Hour

Activities: Community service, fund raising, hiking, bird watching, tours

Contact: Dr. James Ingold, 797-5244

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Meets: twice monthly

Activities: Guest speakers, learn basics of public relations, networking, national and dis. PRSSA meetings, luncheons.

Contact: Kathy Smith, 797-5340

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Activities: Guest speakers on topics related to the field of Journalism. social functions.

Contact: Michelle Millhollen, 797-5328

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Activities: Campus events, tournaments, self-defense clinics, rape prevention

Contact: Regina Washington, 631-9976

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Contact: Kyle Pierce, 797-5271

ACJS/ Lamda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. ea month

Activities: Various community activities, speakers on Law Enforcement ops.

Contact: Richard Georgia, 797-5078

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Meets: 10:30 a.m. 1st Thurs. ea. month

Activities: Group activities

Contact: Dr. Wayne Gustavson, 797-5091

STUDENT COUNCIL for EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fri. monthly

Activities: Service proj. involving handicapped children.

Contact: Dr. Alan Thompson & Joe Patrick, 797-5390

DRAMA CLUB

Meets: Thurs. 10:30 a.m. 3rd floor BH

Activities: Dramatic productions, 1st-hand info on auditions in local prod., volunteer work.

Contact: Jorji Jarzabek, 797-5228

ENGLISH CLUB

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. month

Activities: Annual book fair, poetry readings, faculty presentations, socials.

Contact: Tom Dubose, 797-5158

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Meets: 1st Thurs. ea. month

Activities: Guest Speakers, foreign films, various charity events.

Contact: Lynn Walford, 797-5245

LOUISIANA ASSC. OF EDUCATORS

Meets: Once a month

Activities: Student Teacher reception, math Magic presented at Stoner Hill Elementary.

Contact: Cindy Olson, 797-5032

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Meets: 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 10:30

Activities: Conduct sales & mkt. proj. for local bus., social functions.

Contact: Ms. Gayle Norton, 797-5268

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thurs. monthly 10:30

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Contact: Kelly Haydel, 742-4321 or 797-5044

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THUR. 16: ORIGAMI LESSON BY MEKO PEEK! 10:30 A.M. UC LOBBY.. MINI-WORKSHOP ON INTERVIEWING (CAREER CENTER) 10:30 A.M. AD 213

TUES. 21: TURKEY BOWLING!! (BOWLING WITH A TWIST) 10:30 A.M.-11:15 A.M. UC LOBBY.

WED 22-THUR 24: YOU HAVE NO CLASS!! HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE ALMAGEST STAFF!!

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FRI. DEC. 8: LAST DAY OF CLASS.

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